ICE DRIVES SHIP AWAY

Weems Line Boat, Due to Leave in the Afternoon, Puts Out in the Morning

THE SECOND BANK AT LOUISA

Well Known Citizen of the Northern Neck Suffers Second Stroke of Paralysis.

(Special to The Times-Dispatchi.) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Jan. The Weems Line steamer due to leave here for Baltimore this after oon had to leave her wharf at 7 o'clock this morn-

ing, owing to the heavy ice. Fire in Spotsylvania county destroyed the large barn belonging to William Pryor. Besides the building, two good horses and a large quantity of feed and hay were consumed.

A second bank will not be established A second bank will not be established at Louis, Courthouse, as was recently contemplated. The incorporators of the proposed Citizens' Bank will take stock in the Bank of Louisa, which will increase its capital and one banking institution will be strengthened instead of the village having two to weaken each other. Mr. Ezekiel Wells, and aged and well known citizen of the Northern Neck, has suffered a second stroke of paralysis, and is in a critical condition.

TRAVELER'S REST SOLD.

Mr. Walter Bevis has purchased of Mr. Edward Nelson, the well known estate in Northumberland county, called "Traveler's Rest."

Mr. J. L. Hullfish and family, of Prince

cler's Rest."

'Mr. J. L. Hullfish and family, of Prince William county, have moved to Wayne-boro, Va., where Mr. Hullfish has purchased an interest in a large carriage manufactory.

Mr. Frank Bowles, of Orange county, had his leg badly broken by a tree falling or, him, while cutting timber.

The week of prayer services commenced to-night at the Christian Church, the subject discussed being "Warrant, Privilege and Power of Prayer and Present Need of World-wide Interession." The speakers were Rev. Mr. Mc-Alpine and Rev. Decatur Edwards. The services will be continued through the week, alter alting at different churches, with different speakers each night, most of the ministers of the city participating. MINISTER TO WED.

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Rev. Hugh T. Musselman, formerly of this city, now pastor of the Baptist Church at Maysville, Ky., will be married on January 11th, to Miss L. Alberta Glasscock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Glasscock, the ceremony to take place at the First Baptist Church at Maysville, Mr. Musselman is a son of. Mr. Thomas Musselman, of this city. Lieutenant and Mrs. R. S. Knox returned here Saturday night from their bridal tour, and left to-day for Montana, where Lieutenant Knox, who is in the United States army, is now stationed.

SAVED IN BREECHES BUOY Three-Masted Schooner Blown

Ashore at Smith's Island.

Ashore at Smith's Island.

(By Associated Press.)

NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 4.—In a fiftymile gale of wind that whipped up extremely rough and dangerous seas, the
gallant crew of Smith's Island life saving
station, in the darkness of early Sunday
morning, rescued the crew of the stranded three-masted schooner Joseph J.
Fhero, which was blown ashore on Carter's Bar during the height of the severe storm that swept up the coast. It
was one of the most thrilling rescues of
the season.

Captain Berry was beating his way captain Berry was beating his way ing the coast from New York, bound Richmond, when he ran into the howoo Hielmond, when he ran into the nowing blow that struck the Atlantic sengrard about midnight Saturday. The graft, which was unladen, became unnamageable and was driven aground not a great distance from the life saving state. was sighted shortly after and the life savers hurried at once ansistance of the crew of six The tremendous seas broke over

n. The tramendous seas broke over helpless craft at every ponderous. In a short time it was very evident to the vessel was doomed. With the aid of the brosches buoy the savers succeeded in bringing Captain rry and his seamen safely ashore. It is not seen to be savered to be savered to the quickest and verost executed performances in the saving service. The rescue was one cleverest in the eleverest executed performances in the recent history of the life saving service. It was reported yesterday that the Pharo will prove a total loss. The vessel was a frequent trader at this port and is owned by a New York shipping firm.

SECRET MARRIAGE.

Mr. W. A. Strother and Miss Dorothy Brown.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VA.

Jan. 4.—Miss Dorothy Brown, the adopted daughter of Mrs. C. A. Brown, mother of Mr. Kenneth Brown, the author, and Mr. W. A. Strother, of Lynchburg, Va., a third year student in the medical department of the University, were secret-ly married in the Hill City Tuesday be-

ly married in the Hill City Tuesday before Christmas, Decomber 22d.

Soon after the holidays, a rumor became circulated that the young people
had been married, but this was denied
by the friends of both parties. Mr.
Strother and his bride, when asked if it
were true, gave little satisfaction to inquiries, but this morning public announcement of the wedding was made.
The coremony took place on the evening
of the 22d, at one of the Lynchburg parsonages, but Mr. Strother did not mention the name of the officiating minister.
Mr. and Mrs. Strother are now residing
in one of the cottages on the Ivy road,
not far from the University, and in close

in one of the cottages on the try toon of far from the University, and in close proximity to "West Cairns," the delightful home of Messrs. Boone and Brown, the well known authors. Mr. Strother will complete his medical studies at this institution.

The bride is quite popular here at the University, where she has taken an ac-tive part in social events for two or three years past.

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CONTEMPTUOUS PARAGRAPHS

Congressman Glass Makes Final Reply to Captain Dick Marshall.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LyNCHBURG, VA., Jan. 4.—The Lynchburg News, Congressman Carter Glass, editor, under the caption "On Parade," prints the last card of Captain R. C. Murshall, of Portsmouth, together with the latter's published explanation that his letter of December 29th was provoked by the Vbitter personal attack on him and on his career" in The Dally News of December 28th. In reproducing Captain Marshall's card The News, with velled sarcasm, praises the Portsmouth man's anxioty to convince the public that his letter of December \$2th to Mr. Glass was really intended to be a coup de grace.

The News then dismisses the card itself in two severely contemptuous sentences, saying: (Special to The Times-Dispatch.

in two severely contemptious sentences, saying:

"Pish! What could exceed the spectacle of a disgraced politician strutting in the castaway garb of a bygone time and fashion, vainly seeking to hide his welts!
And this, too, when the period and practice whose ghost he adjures are not sulong spent that men now do not know that men then, confessedly affronted, did not answer with spume, and sputter!"

The card referred to above is the on-from Captain Marshall which was pub-lished in The Times-Di patch of Satur-day, in which he said it Mr. Glass wa-satisfied with the situation he (Marshall zurely was, and would pay no attention to further publications.

LAST FRANKLIN COURT.

Early Camp, Confederate Veterans, Holds Its First Meeting.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROCKY MOUNT, VA., Jan. 4.—Under
the new Constitution the last County
Court was held here to-day. It was well

Court was held here to-day. It was well attended.

J. A. Earley Camp, Confederate Veter. cns. htld its first meeting to-day, since its organization at last court one month ag; Resolutions we's passed, naming first Monday in, August 107 the holding of a reunion of the old soldiers of Franklin lind a committee was directed to invite United States Senator John W. Daniel to address, the old soldiers on that date. Mr. J. P. Dudley, a prominent retiremerchant and former president of a bank at Rocky Mount some years ago, was stricken with paralysis Sunday night last, at his home at Union Hall. He is not expected to recover.

Mrs. Brown, mother of Mr. R. S. Brown, former superintendent of schools, died Monday night, aged ninety-four years.

DUAL TREASURERS.

Captain Koontz Goes Bow Shot Further Than Mr. Brauer.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WOODSTOCK, VA., Jan. 4.—After serv WOODSTOCK, VA., Jan. 4.—After serving Shenandoah county for thirty years as treasurer, Captain George W. Koontz, returing from the office, carried all pagers, books, tax receipts and moneys with him, and his successor, J. C. Hutcheson, finds hmiself unable to transact any

business.

Captain Koontz has fitted himself up an office on Main Street, where he is proceeding to cellect the delinquent taxes, disburse money upon warrants and closing up his affairs of office and paying school teachers when warrants are presented.

New Year Ball.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ONANCOCK, VA., Jan. 4.—The annua ball of the New Year took place at Honkins Hall Friday evening, Nearly one hundred guests were present, and the music was furnished by a orchestra from Norfolk. The chaperones were Mrs. E. B. Finney, Mrs. William C. West, Mrs. O. L. Parker, and Mrs. S. E. Geiger.

Among those present were: Misses Crouse, of Richmond; Miss Maida Revell. Crouse, of Richmond; Miss Maida Revell, of Baitimore; Misses Mabel Parker and Maude Rayfield, of Parksloy; Misses Joanna Fisher and Nannie Wilkins, of Eastville; Mrs. Charles Cullen and Mrs. Joseph Cahall, of Georgetown, Del.; Miss Margaret Lilliston, of Accomac; Misses Ethel Finney, Mamie Parker, Margaret Wost, Lettie and Octavia Geiger, Frances, Bessie, and Constance Taylor, Pansy Wilkins, Nollie Powell, Annie Fosque, Virnetta Northam, Mary Warren and Madeline Rich; Mrs. R. L. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Nottlingham, Mr. and and Madeline Rich; Mrs. R. L. Shields, Mr, and Mrs. C. B. Nottingham, Mr, and Mrs. Otho L. Parker; Messrs. J. Drummond Fosque, John P. West and Samuel T. Waples, of Blacksburg, Va.; Harvey Morris, of Salisbury, Md.; Drs. Herbert and Howard Lilliston, of Accomac; Roy and John White and Preston Parkes, of Parkels, William Parsons, George H. and John White and Feature Teature and John White and Parsons, George H. Powell, E. F. Warren, Stewart K. Powell, Henry Powell, Varner Ames, John Custls, Robert E. Powell, Dr. George Lee Fosque, T. W. Taylor, Jr.

Large Barn Burned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WARRENTON, VA., Jan. 4.—A large bern near Orlean, on which there was no bern near Orient, on which thore was no insurance and valued at \$1,200, was burned to the ground New Year's eve, with its ertire contents, among which were 150 barrels of corn and four horses.

The property was tenanted by W. H. Payne and owned by W. H. Gaines, of Warrenton, It is generally believed the fire was of incendiary origin.

Smallpox.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GRAVEL HILL, BUCKINGHAM, VA.,

Jan. 4.—There is a case of smallpox near
Newton's Siding, on the Buckingham
branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio, and
the patient came here from Pennsylvania to visit his sister, a Mrs. Ferris. Drs.
Nowlin and Randolf were called in and
Justice Gregory ordered the person in
quarantine at once, placing guards to
prevent a further spread of the disease.

ACCIDENT OR CRIME

Coroner Has Busy Year, Showing Increase of Unnatural

THE SALARY SYSTEM SAVES

Fees for 273 Cases Amount to Far Larger Sum Than Dr. Taylor's Pay.

The city got the better of Coroner Taylor during the past year by the very considerable sum of \$415. Unnatural deaths are increasing in Richmond.

For many years Dr. Taylor received a stipulated sum for each of the cases which came to his attention. Now he is

which came to his attention. Now he is paid a salary. During the year closing December 31st instant, he investigated 273 cases of death by accident or otherwise, and so by the fee arrangement would have received \$2,005, instead of his \$2,250, his present salary.

But the doctor is not a man who believes in making changes.

He has never changed his estate of single unhappiness to that of wedded billss. Whether he withstands the opportunities of leap year remains to be seen. He is perfectly content to let the salary remain where it is, though he feels as if he is being genteelly robbed by the new system. Judge Witt has just reappointed Dr. Taylor coroner for the next two years. Usually the appoinment is made in Dr. Taylor coroner for the next two years. Usually the appoinment is made in July, but the effect of the new Constitution was that the term of office expired January 1, 1901, that the city might not be without a coroner, and as January 1st in law was a "dies non." Judge Witt made the appointment two or three days

before the close of December,
From Dr. Taylors report, just submitted, Richmond is increasing in deaths from unnatural causes. The number for 1903 is considerably larger than for the

WESTMORELAND.

The Christmas Season Gay, But Little Intemperance.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HAGUE, VA., Jan. 4.—The weather here has continued, with scant intermissions, very cold. Much of the wheat was seeded quite late, and has had no chance to show itself above the ground. Sunday

show itself above the ground, sunday morning last the thermometer was down to 15 degrees.

There has been much skating all this week on the various ponds and coves of creeks, Some ice was housed a month ago four inches thick, and it is that

thick now.

The Christmas season has drawn a good many people to the neighborhood.

Dr. Logie and family and Mr. Tucker and family, of Washington, and Misses Keegle, of Baitimore, are guests of Mr. W. R. Crabbe, at Mount Pleasant.

Mrs. John R. Williams, of Princeton, N. J., with her husband, and two gentlement friends, is visiting her parents at Willow.

at Wilton.

Lawyer R. C. Mayo, of Baltimore, is among his kindred and friends here.

Mr. Vaulk, of Annapolis, Md., is visiting his wife and children, who are spending the winter at Kenmore with Mrs.

Miss Mary Bland Murphy, after a long

Murphy.

Miss Mary Bland Murphy, after a long absence, is at her old home, and her sister. Miss Lizzle, is expected.

Miss Anne C. Davis is visiting home from her school in Sussex.

The following are home from their respective schools: G. W. Murphy, Jr., from Randolph-Macon College: Willie Vansant, from the V. P. 1.; R. H. Beale, Jr., from Fredericksburg College, and S. E. Dawson, from Front Royal Academy. Miss Rosa Atwell has returned home from her school in Fauquier.

Among all the entertainments of the Christmas season, though liquors have not been scarce in this local option district (so accessible to towns), I have not seen or heard of any drunkenness. Mr. Hopkins, of McGuire's Wharf, was recently fined, with costs to the amount of over \$50, for selling liquor, and there are several other warrants for the same hanging over him now. hanging over him now.

MT. ATHOS AT AUCTION.

A Valuable Ivory Miniature Por-

trait of Sir John Moore. ORANGE, VA., Jan. 1.
former home of Mr. G. W. Newman, will be sold at public auction on Thursday,

Mr. Frank Bowers, who lives near Unionville, had his leg broken a few days ago, while felling trees in the woods.

There is deposited in the American Pank, of this place, a portrait of Sir John Moore, It is a beautiful place of art, and hand painted on lyory, 3x1 inches in size. The owner has refused an

offer of \$9,000.

Marriago licenses issued from the clerk's office in this county for the year 1903, were whites sixty-seven; colored, forty-nine. Three hundred and twenty-eight deeds were recorded in the clerk's office during the year 1903. offer of \$6,000.

BANK AT MINERAL.

Louisa to Have Second National Bank, With \$25,000 Capital.

Bank, With \$25,000 Capital.

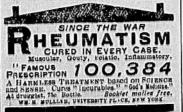
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LOUISA, VA., Jan. 4.—Another National Bank for Louisa county was organized at Mineral Friday, with a capital stock of \$25,000. Those in the meeting were: James L. Shelton, Dr. W. J. Coleman, Dr. C. J. Terrell, J. C. Whilock, M. B. Quisenberry, D. E. Bumpass, J. B. Wooddy, J. N. Walker and S. F. Sargeni.

A charter has been applied for, and the Louisa."

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Shelton and Moore, of Richmond, will be the attorneys, and a meeting will be held between the 12th and 15th of this month for the purpose of electing officers, and business will be begun as quickly after that as possible.





BARGES LOST IN THE STORM

The Blow Was Equal to the Fierce Storm of Last October.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch?) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Jan. 4.—It is believed here that the fierce storm which swept the coast here Saturday night swallowed up two coal barges, with their

on Friday night the tug Navigator salled from here with the barges Liberty and New Jersey, for Providence, R. I.

The Navigator had not gone far up the coast before the storm swooped down upon her and wrested away the two

harges.

After making futile efforts to get fresh hawsers aboard, the Navigator gave up the task and lay to until the blow was

the task and lay to until the blow was over.

All yesterday and to-day the tug has been patrolling up and down the coast near Hog Island, her skipper hoping against hope that the barges rode out the storm and will be able to come back under sail.

Those who experienced the full blast of the hurricane say it was equal to that which swept over this section in October, and which strewed the coast with wreckage.

Captain Peter Schipp and four men are aboard the Liberty, and Captain Elmer Hamel and three men are aboard the New Jersey.

Each barge has two thousand five hundred tons of coal.

IROQUOIS VICTIMS.

Funeral of the Patterson Boys at Charlottesville.

at Charlottesville.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Jan. 4.—
one of the saddest funerals that ever occurred in Charlottesville was that on yesterday afternoon 4t William and Crawford Patterson, the two grandsons of Mr.
John C. Patterson, of this folly, who lost
telr lives in the Iroquois Theatre disaster. The bodies reached Charlottesville
from Chicago at 1:30 o'clock yesterday
afternoon in a Pullman attached to
Chesapeake and Ohlo Rallway Irain, No.
4. and were taken at once to the Sunday Chesapeake and Onio Railway train, No.

4, and were taken at once to the Sunday school room of the Christian Church, where they remained until the hour set for the funeral.

The sad service was presided over by the Rev. William T. Stuchell, of the Rahway (N. J.) Presbyterian Church, the

Rahway (N. J.) Pressysterian Church, the former pastor of the Patterson family before their removal from New Jersey to Illinois. Other ministers assisting were Dr. George L. Petrie, pastor of the Charlottesville Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. W. M. Forrest, who is now delivering a course of Bible lectures at the University. The attendance muon the service versity. The attendance upon the service vas very large, the church being crowd-

ed.

Among those who came on to attend the funeral was Mr. J. A...ison Pattorson, of Philadelphia, an uncle of the deceased. Another uncle, William C. Patterson, of Omaha, was detained in Chicago at the bedside of his sixteen-year-old son, Fred. bedside of his sixteen-year-old son, Fred, who, was budly injured in the same fire. Fred attended the performance with is two cousins, but became lost from them in the punic. After getting out safely himself, he returned and succeeded in getting the younger of the two by the hand. Just before reaching the fire escape, the two were again separated. Fred clambered upon the fire-escape, where he was knocked to the ground below, a uistance of over fifteen feet. Both legs were so badly broken that they had to be amputated on yesterday.

Stuckell was accompanied to this city by his wife, who was especially de-voted to the two boys who met such a tragic end. Here in Charlottesville, where the two unfortunate boys spent some time last summer in company with thei nged grandfather, to whom the deaths came as a severe shock.

TOBACCO FACTORY BURNS

Heavy Loss on Danville Fire. Another Assignment.

Another Assignment.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DANVILLE, VA., Jan. 4.—The tobacco
manufactory of Traylor, Spencer & Co.,
ci Linn Street, owned jointly by John D.
Spencer, of this city, and G. M. Traylor,
of Atlanta, Ga., was burned to the ground
early this morning. The entire plant, including building and stock, was totally
destroyed. In an hour after the fire was
discovered, the building was a mass of
smouldering ruins. The loss is estimated
at \$85,000. The insurance on the building and stock is \$67,000.

Mr. F. II. Henderson Saturday evening
filed in the Federal Court a petition in
voluntary bankruptcy. The petition
schedules the liabilities of the petitione
at \$55,000, while the assets are placed at
\$59,000. The papers in the case have
been forwarded to Judge McDowell, at
Lynchburg.

Deaths in Roanoke.

(Special to The Times-Dispa(ch.) ROANOKE, VA., Jan. 4.—There v ROANOKE. VA. Jan. 4.—There were three deaths Sunday in three families of Norfolk and Western officials. Katherino, the five-year-old daughter of Joseph B. Lacy, paymaster, died of diphtheria; the five-year-old son of Ray H. Labaum, chier clerk to Assistant General Superintendent G. W. Merr., died of preumonia, and the six-year-old daughter of Patrick Foy, died from the same disease.

Miss Beulah Gardner, a well-known young lady of Christiansburg, and a sister of Mr. J. O. Gardner, of this city, died Sunday from pneumonia, aged twenty years.

years. Mr. J. W. Crute, aged forty-three years and well known in Rounoke, died Sunday at the City Hospital.

and exits of the balconies. She will be arrested when found.

In addition to the managers of the theatre, Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers, every employe of the theatre has been summoned before the inquest Thursday morning, and many members of the Bluebeard Company, who were not permitted to depart for New York yesterday, will also be called on to testify. John R. Thompson, proprietor of a restaurant which adjoins the Iroquois Theatre, has lost the greater portion of his business since the fire. On the day of the disaster Mr. Thompson threw open his restaurant for the bodies of the dead and wounded. His services were widely advertised in the papersi driving nearly all his patrons away. FIRES IN LEESBURG. Lady Burned to Death-Heavy Damage to Grocery Store. (Special to The Times-Dispatch

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LEESBURG, VA., Jan. 4.—Two alarms of fire, following one another within a period of less than fifteen minutes occurred about 7 o'clock last night. The first was given upon observing smoke issuing from the house of Miss Namie Head, on Loudoun Street. Upon foreing open the front door of her house, spectators were horrified to find the body of Miss Head stretched across the hall, tebarred to a cinder. It is supposed that the clothing of Miss Head became ignited while she was attempting to light a fire, and her mad rush to the front for asistance but accelerated the speed of the flames, which destroyed her before she could summon aid.

Sho was a maiden lady, llying alone in per home, fifty-live years of age. She was the daughter of Captain George R. Head, of the Loudoun Guard, C. S. A., at one time mayor and postmaster of

Ordered Closed.

Is Manslaughter.

fire-traps of the worst kind

satisfy the requirements,

Deputy Building Commissioner Stanhop

made another inspection of the Iroquol ruins to-day to prepare for the questions, which will be asked by the corone

tions, which will be asked by the coronic and jurors when the inquest begins.

Mayor Harrison and seven aldermen who have been appointed members of the City Council Committee to control legislation in relation to theatres, methis afternoon with threatre managers.

every play-hause, excepting the Gree Northern, being represented. The man

only, but the mayor and aldermen re fused this request. It was declared tha all places must remain closed until the

all places must remain closed until the ordinance requirements had been fully

DESTROY SKYLIGHTS.

This afternoon attorneys for the fire department secured from five witnesses corroboration of the charges that a

wrecking crew of the Fuller Construc-tion Company had destroyed the stage skylights on the day after the disaster.

Fire inspector Fulkerson said: "It was the intention that these sky-

lights should open automatically to allow the escape of heat and smoke and create a draft which would draw them upwards instead of allowing them to pass over the audience. But from the information I have if am positive that the opening of the

have if am positive that the opening of the skylights was impossible, because upon each section of the lights had been placed pieces of scanting which remained there until removed by employes of the Fuller Construction Company on Thursday af-

CLOSED THE DOORS.

statements made by many people in the theatre that the ushers closed the doors, and that they at first refused to allow

people to pass out.

Benjamin Solomen, a boy who rented

opera glasses in the upper balcony to-day declared that all the ushers and at-taches closed the doors and shouted to the spectators to remain seated, as there

was no danger.

Coroner Tracger is looking for the chief

scrub woman of the theatre, who, it is said, carried all the keys to the doors and exits of the balconies. She will be

said William Sleck.

other six men.

Leesburg, and representative from Loudoun county in the Legislature, and niece of Dr. Nelson Head, a famous divine of the Methodist Church.

Before the crowd around Miss Head's house had been able to take in the hortor of her death, a second alarm sounded and flames were discovered issuing from the doors of the store of Mr. S. A. Mills, who conducts a general grocery store one door south of the drug store of Mott & Purcell, and adjoining the Loudoun clothing house, in the principal business block of the town. The flames were finally controlled and a destructive fire averted. Great damage was done to the building by fire and water. This building, owned by Mr. S. J. Johnston, had lately been put in repair, but was not insured. The kes to the stock of Mr. Mills, which was partially covered by linsurance, is about \$2,000.

WOMAN'S HARD LOT.

Freezing Under a Stable Floor With Dead Infant in Her Arms.

With Dead Infant in Her Arms.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WARRENTON, VA., Jan. 4.—A groom at work if a stable here this morning heard grooms coming from under the plank floor of the building. He notified the police, who discovered upon the bare ground, beneath the flooring, a woman in a most pitiful state of suffering.

She had been there all night. Scantily clothed, no shoes on her feet, and only the earth to rest upon, apparently secting refuge from the relentless blizzard, which was raging at the time. Wrapped in a shawl and almost frozen, was a child, newly born.

They were carried to the county jail for shelter, and medical aid,

The child soon died and its mother remains in a critical condition.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—As a result of the Iroquois Theatre fire and panic, in which 500 persons lost their lives, Building Commissioner Williams to-night issued an order closing all public halls, dance halls and all similar places of public assemblage until an inspection has shown that they are complying with all provisions of the building ordinance. All the theatres have already been closed. This leaves Chicago churches and lodge halls alone open for public gatherings. As there are upwards of 400 halls in Chicago, ranging in size from those that will accommodate fifty persons to those with a seating capacity of 500, this order will affect probably as many persons as the theatre closing order. Protests were numerous, but the building commissioner was inflexible. He said: "Many of these halls are worse than any theatre in Chicago; some of them are put up with no restrictions; such as govern theatres and many of them are fire-traps of the worst kind:" Two years are a general inspection of J. A. WATTS IN EXTREMIS. New Board of Trade Organized. Fire in Printing Plant.

Fire in Printing Plant.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.).
ROANOKE, VA., Jan. 4.—The condition of J. Allen Watts is very critical, and death is expected hourly.
A new Board of Trade was organized to-night, with a large membership. Balard Huff was elected president and E. B. Jacobs secretary.
Fire broke out to-night about 8:30 in a small printing plant owned by Roy Elliott, in the second story of a brick building owned by S. M. Wilkes, of Staunton. The house was badly damaged, and small store rooms, occupied by C. I. Lunsford, insurance; J. R. Hoover, barber, and O. H. Goad, fruit and cigars, were damaged by water. The loss is covered by Insurance. fire-traps of the worst kind."
Two years ago a general inspection of halls was made before the beginning of Building Commissioner Williams' administration. Notwithstanding this thommissioner declares that he will take no changes, and that every hall must be the producements.

ered by insurance. MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING.

Young Men From Newport News in Probably Fatal Affray.

in Probably Fatal Affray.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

INLUEFIELD, W. VA., Jan. 4.—What is thought to be a fatal shooting affray occurred in a boarding house yesterday afternoon in this city between two prominent young men formerly from Newport, Va. The participants were Arthur Mc-Croskey and Andy Williams. What the trouble arose over is not known, but Williams is lying in a critical condition, with a builet hole through his neck. McCroskey gave himself up to the authorities, but as yet no trial has resulted. It is said Williams held his revolver in his hand when he fell to the floor.

An Elegant Entertainment.

ternoon."

It has been said by Powers and Davis, manngers of the Iroquois Theatre, that the house was not filled on Wednesday afternoon at the time of the fire. This assertion was contradicted this afternoon by Manager Edwin H. Price, of the Bluebeard Company.

"I should say," said Mr. Price, "that between ninety and one hundred tickots were sold after the theatre was filled. The day's receipts amounted to something more than \$1.700."

Little result followed the examination of seven men of the double octette,

of seven men of the double octette, which was on the stage when the fire broke out.

An Elegant Entertainment.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHATHAM, VA., Jan. 4.—A most delightful ontertainment was given last ovening at "Wayside," the hospitable home of Hon. John E. Taylor, by Misses Sallie and Marle, the charming daughters of the home.

Misses Taylor were assisted in receiving by their sister, Mrs. Preston Brooks Moses, of Lexington, Va., and Mrs. Josephine White Holcombe, of Danville, Va., and Miss Sallie Taylor was charmingly gowned in black taffeta silk, green chiffon and lace; Miss Marla Taylor, pink silk and lace; Mrs. Preston Moses, white china silk, lace and diamonds; Mrs. Holcombe, white silk, lace and diamonds; Mrs. Games, cards, charades, etc., were enjoyed.

There was much merry-making 'mid this scene of brightness. Games, cards, charades, etc., were enjoyed.

Delicious refreshments were served by the young ladles.

Among the guests present were Misses Kate and Ella Hamilin, of Danville, Va.; Miss Lillian Stone, of Cascade, Va.; Mrs. Caroline Watson, of Spring Garden, Vz.; Misses Janle and Dalsy Moses, of the county; Mrs. George Woring, and Mrs. G. Frank Griffith, of Newport News, Va.; Mr. W. T. Coebin, of Spring Garden, Va.; Mr. G. Frank Griffith, of Newport News, Va.; Mr. W. T. Coebin, of Prince Edward county; Mr. George Worinan, of the county; Mr., George Worinan, of the county; Mr., J. E. Jones, of North Carolina.

Souvenirs of mistletoe were presented the guests. broke out.

'We kept on singing and dancing and did not even know that there was a fire until sparks fell on the stage and two girls of the double octette fainted," said William Sleck.

"It is the rule of the stage that we are fined if we turn our faces for an instant from the audience. All I know is that we stuck to our work until we had to run for our lives."

Sleck's story was corroborated by the The police to-day arrested George M. Dusonberry, chief usher of the theatre, on a charge of manslaughter. Dusenberry declares that he tried to hold back the rush of spectators and helpe dto save thirty women from the jammed fronts ovits.

A Pastor Elected.

Joy, and the New Year will be a happy one. A great many homes in Richmond are now enjoying the sweet tones from the BEST PIANO ON TEARTH. The Artistic Stieff.

We have taken as first pay a number of used Planos of all makes, which we will sell at great bargains to make room for our new stock. Prices and terms to suit.

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ARE MADE TO SHOW DOWN

Republicans Resist Attempt to Have Postoffice Department Investigated by Congress.

THE RESOLUTION OF MR. HAY

Virginia Representative Leads & Fight and Wins at Least Partial Victory.

(From Aur Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Representative
Hay, of Virginia, was the central figure
in a warm debate in the House to-day,
one in which the Republicans were made
to show more plainly than ever before
that they are absolutely determined, it
possible, to prevent anything like a fair
investigation of corruption and irregularities in the Postoffice Department by
Congress. The fight was precipitated by
a resolution offered by Mr. Hay, a few
minutes after the session opened to-day.
The resolution provided for the appointment of a committee by the Speaker to
investigate and report upon the charges
made by Fourth Assistant PostmasterGeneral Bristow in his report that there
were members of Congress who had been
guilty of complicity in postal frauds, in
that they had secured the annulment of
leases by the government of buildings in
which postoffices were located, and leased
them again to the government at a higher
rental.

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in the Department. Representative Parker, of New Jersey, opposed the resolution
on the ground that the report referred
to, charges against members of former
Congresses, and not members of former
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Pifty-eightn Congress.

Representative Payne and Representative Williams, the floor leaders for the
Republicans and the Democrats, respectively, took part in the debate, and MrHay had to speak several times in advocacy of the resolution and against the
point of order made against it.
SLOW DECIDING.
Speaker Cannon was very slow in deciding the point. It was plainly evident
that he was embarrassed. Everybody
could see that the resolution, if rejected,
would put the Republicans in the attitude
of refusing to investigate charges of corruption made by an executive officer of
the government against members of the
House of Representatives, and it is very
likely that Uncle Joe saw that his party,
had made a mistake in opposing it. He
consumed some time in summing up for
each side, and there was doubt as to his
decision until the very last moment, when
he said: "In view of all this, the Chailte forced to decide that the point of order

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Jan. 4.

At the close of the morning service at the Christian Church yestora of that church, which has been vacant since the resignation of the Rev. Bernard P. Smith, in May of last year, made its report. The committee's choice—the Rev. R. Jun. Caw, of Georgia.—was approved by the consregation, which proceeded at one to unanimously cleet bilm as pastors. The morning service at the Christian Church, in Richmond. A mailve of Virginia, he went, after Illing a number of pulpils in this State, to Knashville. Tenn., where for a long time he acceptably filled the pulpit of the Christian Church of that city. Afterwards he was chosen president of Knashville. Tenn., where for a long time he acceptably filled the pulpit of the Christian Church of that city. Afterwards he was chosen president of Knashville. Tenn., where for a long time he acceptably filled the pulpit of the Christian Church of that city. Afterwards he was chosen president of Knashville. Tenn., where for a long time he acceptably filled the pulpit of the Christian Church of that city. Afterwards he was chosen president of Knashville. Tenn. where for a long time he acceptably filled the pulpit of the Christian Church of that city. Afterwards he was chosen president of Knashville. Tenn. where for a long time he acceptably filled the pulpit of the Christian Church of that city. Afterwards he was chosen president of Knashville. Tenn. where for a long time he acceptably filled the pulpit of the Christian Church of that city. Afterwards he was chosen president of Knashville. Tenn. Among recent marriages in this section was businessed to the communities of the Christian Church of the Optical Christian Church of the Christian Church of the Optical Christian Church of the Christia